

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (New): A sheet material comprising absorptive polymer particles comprising one or more polymers comprising polymerized units of one or more monoethylenically unsaturated monomers having at least one acid group, wherein the surface of the absorptive polymer particles is secondary surface cross-linked, and

wherein the polymer is at least partially neutralized and has one or more cyclodextrins, cyclodextrin derivatives, or both cyclodextrins and cyclodextrin derivatives, bonded covalently thereto, bonded ionically thereto, incorporated therein or a combination thereof.

Claim 20 (New): The sheet material according to Claim 19, wherein the polymer comprises from 0.01 to 50 wt.% of at least one of the cyclodextrins, cyclodextrin derivatives or mixture thereof, based on the total weight of the polymer.

Claim 21 (New): The sheet material according to Claim 19, wherein at most 85 wt.% of the cyclodextrins or cyclodextrin derivatives are extractable from the polymer with water.

Claim 22 (New): The sheet material according to Claim 20, wherein at most 85 wt.% of the cyclodextrins or cyclodextrin derivatives are extractable from the polymer with water.

Claim 23 (New): The sheet material according to Claim 21, wherein at most 60 wt.% of the cyclodextrins or cyclodextrin derivatives are extractable from the polymer with water.

Claim 24 (New): The sheet material according to Claim 19, wherein the polymer further comprises up to 40 wt.% of one or more further monoethylenically unsaturated monomers different from the monoethylenically unsaturated monomers having an acid group relative to the polymer.

Claim 25 (New): The sheet material according to Claim 19, wherein the polymer comprises from 0.05 to 3 wt.% of one or more polymerized units of a cross-linking monomer relative to the polymer.

Claim 26 (New): The sheet material according to Claim 19, comprising up to 30 wt.% of at least one of a copolymerized or graft polymerized water soluble, natural or synthetic polymer relative to the polymer.

Claim 27 (New): The sheet material according to Claim 19, wherein the polymer particles are surface cross-linked with from 0.1 to 10 wt.% of one or more cross-linking components relative to the polymer.

Claim 28 (New): The sheet material according to Claim 19, wherein the polymer comprises at least one of an α -cyclodextrin, a β -cyclodextrin, a γ -cyclodextrin, or a derivative thereof.

Claim 29 (New): The sheet material according to Claim 19, wherein the polymer has a sieve fraction with a particle size in the range of from 100 to 1000 μm .

Claim 30 (New): The sheet material according to Claim 19, wherein the polymer particles are present on the surface of the sheet.

Claim 31 (New): A diaper comprising the sheet material according to Claim 19.

Claim 32 (New): An incontinence article comprising the sheet material according to Claim 19.

Claim 33 (New): A method comprising
contacting a liquid with the sheet material according to Claim 19 to absorb the liquid and reduce the odor of the liquid.

Claim 34 (New): The method of Claim 33, wherein the liquid is a human bodily fluid.

Claim 35 (New): The method as claimed in Claim 33, wherein the sheet material is a packaging unit.

Claim 36 (New): The method as claimed in Claim 33, wherein the sheet material is a diaper.

Claim 37 (New): The sheet material according to Claim 19, wherein the absorptive polymer particles are obtained by first polymerizing to form a polymer then subsequently crosslinking the surface of the polymer.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 19-37 are active in the present application. Claims 1-18 have been cancelled. Claims 19-36 are new claims. Support for new Claim 19 is found in original Claim 1; page 15, lines 15-20; and page 19, line 23. Support for new Claim 20 is found in original Claim 2. Support for new Claim 21 is found in original Claim 3. Support for new Claim 22 is found in original Claim 3. Support for new Claim 23 is found in original Claim 4. Support for new Claim 24 is found in original Claim 5. Support for new Claim 25 is found in original Claim 6. Support for new Claim 26 is found in original Claim 7. Support for new Claim 27 is found in original Claim 8. Support for new Claim 28 is found in original Claim 9. Support for new Claim 29 is found on page 17, lines 1-6. Support for new Claim 30 is found on page 19, lines 14-24. Support for new Claim 31 is found on page 19, lines 14-25. Support for new Claim 32 is found on page 19, lines 14-35. Support for new Claim 33 is found on page 6, lines 1-5. Support for new Claim 34 is found on page 19, line 25. Support for new Claims 35 and 36 is found on page 17, line 24. Support for new Claim 37 is found on page 14, lines 15-33 and page 15, line 8 through page 16, line 8.

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to related applications. The Title has been amended to match the title on the published PCT Application. The specification has been amended to correct obvious typographical errors. No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.

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This application is a Divisional Application of U.S. 09/701,564, filed on December 7, 2000, now allowed.

An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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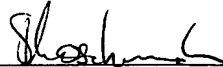
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